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SUBJECT: PALTRY YARG ATTENDANCE AT ETHIOPIAN CELEBRATION OF
MILITARY TAKEOVER

1. RECEPTION HELD BY ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO YAR SEPT 13
IN HONOR FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF MILITARY TAKEOVER IN ETHIOPIA WAS
POORLY ATTENDED BY YARG OFFICIALS. ONLY MINISTER IN ATTENDANCE
WAS MINSUPPLY SAID AL-HAKIMI WHO REPRESENTED GOVERNMENT AT
REQUEST PRIMIN ABD AL-GHANI. ONLY MOFA REP WAS UNDER-
SECRETARY HUSAYN AL-AMRI WHO ATTENDED AT BEHEST OF FONMIN
AL-ASNAJ.

2. THE PUBLICATION OF PAGE AND HALF SUPPLEMENT PRAISING ACHIEVMENTS
OF NEW ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT IN "AL-THAWAR", SANA'S GOVERNMENT
RUN DAILY, WIDELY SCORND. MANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DISPLEASED
THAT SUCH A LAUDATORY ARTICLE AT ODDS WITH OFFICIAL YARG
POSITION SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT'S OWN PAPER. WIDELY
ASSUMED THAT ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY TO "AL-THAWRA"
EDITOR MUHAMMAD AL-ZURQA WHO HAS BEEN KNOWN TO PUBLISH SYMPATHETIC
ARTICLES FOLLOWING RECEIPT APPROPRIATE GRATUITY.

3. YARG'S CURRENT DISENCHANTMENT WITH ETHIOPIA'S
PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT STEMS MORE FROM CONTINUING
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CHARGES OF MISTREATMENT YEMENI NATIONALS RESIDENT IN

ETHIOPIA THAN FROM PMG'S MILITARY EFFORT IN ERITREA. REPORTS
HAVE CIRCULATED HERE DETAILING WIDESPREAD SEIZURE
OF YEMENI PROPERTY AND THE ARREST, AND IN SOME CASES MURDER,
OF YEMENI BUSINESSMEN RESIDING IN ADDIS ABABA AREA. SOME
OF THESE REPORTS HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY SUBSTANTIATED
IN LAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO CAUSE GENUINE YARG CONCERN. UNDERSEC
AL-AMRI APPARENTLY REQUESTED INFORMALLY EMPHASIZE TO
ETHIOPIAN ENVOY THIS IS MAIN REASON FOR SMALL YAR ATTENDANCE
AT RECEPTION. WHETHER STRONGER AND MORE OFFICIAL YARG
PROTEST IS PLANNED IS NOT YET CLEAR.
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